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Following Bruce-Kohler telecon we immediately made representations to French Ambassador who/in touch with Paris by telephone. He confirmed somewhat negative attitude there. We have put up strong/for despatch of note to Soviets and hope this will be effective. We are assured that French reluctance not re substance but ~~important~~ of timing. They hesitate to give any indication of panic but we are arguing that time when such an impression might have been created has ended.

We have also informed British here who are communicating urgently with London asking Foreign Office to attempt persuade French.

We have told French Ambassador that we consider this move so imperative that, if agreement cannot be reached, we will have to consider sending ^{note} ~~it~~ alone. Bruce may use this with his ~~French~~ French colleague.

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